

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5036

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SMUGGLING OF TIMBER BETWEEN RANGIA-RANGAPARA RAIL SECTIONS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of a large scale transport of smuggled timber between Rangia-Rangapara rail section;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Guwahati-Jogighapa rail line remain underutilized since beginning; and
- (d) if if so, the steps being taken for utilization of the said rail line fully ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. Action is being taken to eradicate the menace of smuggling of Timber in Rangia- Rangapara section. During the year 2001 to 2004, a total of 89 raids were conducted with recovery of 5776 pieces of timber worth Rs. 20,41,129/- and arrest of 40 outsiders. The recovered timber has been handed over to the State Forest Department for further disposal. In addition, joint raids are also organized with forest officials to curb the above menace.

(c): No Sir, the Guwahati – Jogighopa Rail section is not being underutilized.

(d): Does not arise.